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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
FROM : [redacted]  
Office of the Assistant to the DCI  
SUBJECT : ASNE Speech — 15 APRIL

Attached is a draft for "excerpts" for your handout at the ASNE speaking engagement. It will condense to one page when single spaced.

We will take along enough copies to distribute at the meeting. [redacted]

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Excerpts from Remarks by George Bush, Director of Central Intelligence, before the American Society of Newspaper Editors, April 15, 1976

In a recent policy statement, I said that it is the Central Intelligence Agency's policy not to divulge the names of cooperating Americans. In this regard, CIA will not make public, now or in the future, the names of any cooperating journalists.

Certainly you, as American Newspaper Editors, know better than almost any group the importance of protecting sources of information. ~~Revealing your sources would in very short order put your papers into running little but advertising.~~ Revealing our sources not only could deny our government the information it must have to formulate effective foreign policy, but also could result quite literally in a life or death situation for the sources.

There is much information that the intelligence community can and should share with the public. <sup>under the new executive order</sup> I have been charged by the President with working on the problems of declassification and overclassification, and I take that charge seriously. <sup>Indeed we have a high level community-wide committee at work trying to come up with meaningful</sup> But intelligence cannot be conducted entirely in the <sup>ways to</sup> open. Some secrets are essential. Intelligence sources -- <sup>reduce</sup> just as news sources -- must be protected, and I intend to <sup>the</sup> see that they are. <sup>above all</sup> <sup>overclassification</sup> <sup>that exists</sup>

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I believe that the air has <sup>now</sup> been cleared by the Agency's clearly announced policy that it will not enter into any paid or contractual relationships with journalists accredited by any U.S. news service, newspaper, periodical, radio or television network or station. I must emphasize, however, that I do not think <sup>any citizen</sup> anyone should tell a person -- be he journalist, businessman, student, or any <sup>one else</sup> ~~other~~ <sup>should be told</sup> citizen -- that he cannot voluntarily provide information to or cooperate with the CIA or any other Agency of the government.

The argument was made ~~that~~ <sup>that because</sup> CIA was known <sup>in the past</sup> to have used some of its journalists on a <sup>covered</sup> <sup>part</sup> basis that a cloud hung over the entire journalistic profession.

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Mr. Stanley Parkman  
Carroll Publishing Company  
P. O. Box 460  
Carrollton, Georgia 30117

Dear Mr. Parkman,

Thank you so much for your kind letter regarding my recent appearance at the National Newspaper Association Conference.

As I said at the Conference, I believe that an important part of my job as Director of Central Intelligence is to restore the confidence of the American people in the intelligence service. One of the best ways to do this is to ensure that people such as you and your colleagues have an opportunity to hear and to question the leaders of the intelligence community about our views on the proper role of intelligence in a democratic society.

It is good to know of your support and confidence. Thank you for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

*/s/ George Bush*

George Bush  
Director

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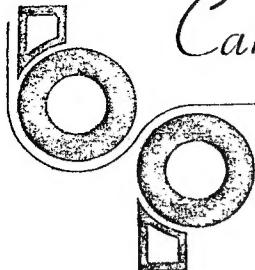
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Honorable George Bush, Director  
 Central Intelligence Agency  
 Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Bush:

My wife and I were among those attending the recent Government Affairs Conference of the National Newspaper Association in Washington.

We wish to commend you for the excellent presentation you made for the conference and your superb handling of the questions that were posed to you in reference to your Agency that carries such tremendous importance to our nation and the free world.

Let me say to you that it is a source of satisfaction and comfort to know that a man of your ability is in this sensitive position at this time. I wish for you continued success and the continued strengthening of the Intelligence community that so ably must continue to serve our nation.

Sincerely yours,

*Stanley Parkman*  
 Stanley Parkman

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March 30, 1976

Dear Hal,

When you called, Bar and I and Jennifer were on a rather extensive trip out of the country. We're back now and I got your March 26th letter. I wish I could accept, but I can't do it. I'm giving a couple of speeches in Houston on May 7th and I've also accepted a couple of speaking engagements for late May and early June, and thus, I don't believe I can come. If you'll consider giving me a rain check for next year, maybe I can make it.

I have no problem at all with speaking to the Texas Bill of Rights Foundation. It's a great organization and as you may recall I was active in it for awhile.

In any event, thanks for asking me and I hope our paths cross before too long.

Sincerely,



George Bush  
Director

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Honorable George Bush  
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Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear George:

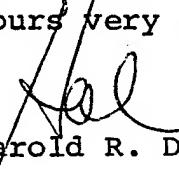
I was in Washington on March 17th and 18th and tried to get in touch with you by phone and neither you nor Jenifer were available. Jack Steele also gave me the name of Mary Lou Schwartzman as a possible way of getting in touch with you and I did talk with her by phone and outlined briefly what I wanted to talk with you about.

I am concluding a two-year term as Chairman of the Texas Bill of Rights Foundation. I believe you are familiar with this organization since you have been one of our speakers in the past. We traditionally have a dinner in the latter part of May for the purpose of installing the new officers and Board of Directors and invite a distinguished individual to speak to us on this occasion. At the request of the Executive Committee, I am extending this invitation to you to be our speaker this year.

At this time we have some flexibility as to a particular date, but for openers I would suggest Thursday or Friday, May 20th or 21st or May 27th or 28th. As you know, the Bill of Rights Foundation is a nonpartisan group and since these dates would be after the May 1st Primary here in Texas I would not think there would be any problem about "politics". Congresswoman Barbara Jordan recently spoke on one of our radio programs regarding the role of the CIA and other intelligence agencies in a democratic society and I think your appearance at our dinner meeting would be an excellent opportunity for you to articulate the viewpoints of the intelligence community on this same subject. Also, you are long overdue on a "tennis weekend" here in Houston and this speaking engagement might give you an appropriate "cover" for the real purpose of your visit to Houston.

Give my regards to Barbara. With all best regards,

Yours very sincerely,

  
Harold R. DeMoss, Jr.

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